

## **20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 18, 2024**

**"IN ONE BREAD, WE ARE THE ONE BODY OF CHRIST"**



### **OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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### **Office Hours:**

**Monday - Wednesday 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

**Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

### **Parish Website:**

<http://parishes.rcda.org/olvchurch/>

### **Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyoftheValleyParish/>

### **Bulletin Items:**

All bulletin items must be submitted by Monday morning.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Church advances the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through liturgy, personal support, and community programs that emphasize the Beatitudes to create a community of faith that welcomes all into God's eternal embrace.

### **SCHOHARIE COUNTY CLUSTER LITURGY SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday Vigil Masses:**

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson

6:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh

#### **Sunday Masses:**

9:00 a.m. Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh

11:00 a.m. Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson

#### **Weekdays:**

9:00 a.m. Wednesdays at

Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh

9:00 a.m. Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima in

Delanson.

#### **Devotions:**

Rosary First Sunday of the month at 8:20 AM



# Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, August 17, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
John and Jennie Zelker by their children

**Sunday, August 18, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
Michael Groghan by Colleen Lettieri

**Monday, August 19, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM**  
Eucharistic adoration

**Saturday, August 24, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
For teachers and school staff returning to work

**Sunday, August 25, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
Joseph Ward by Helen Lindstrom



Our church is always open for quiet prayer, reflection, adoration, and contemplative walking.

### Holy Communion

Low gluten and gluten free hosts are available for anyone affected by Celiac disease. Please see Fr. Tom Zelker or Deacon Gary Riggi.



### Kindness Matters

"Kindness Matters" is the 2024 diocesan evangelization initiative utilizing lawn signs to encourage people to step up and be kinder to one another. Showing kindness is a way to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbors. The sign will direct people to a website providing resources and ideas to help us be kinder. This initiative will gain momentum one person at a time and one small act of kindness at a time.

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

**"He who carries God in his heart bears heaven with him wherever he goes."**

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

Live each day with God at the center of our hearts and help others see His love and grace.



### Pregnant? Alone? Need help?

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To learn more, visit our website:  
[sites.google.com/view/gabriel-project-stamford](https://sites.google.com/view/gabriel-project-stamford)  
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*If you have experienced the pain of miscarriage, please know that you are in the prayers of our community. Your struggles and sorrows may present a unique cross in your life of faith that may be difficult for friends and family members to understand, but the Church is here to support you.*

## Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2294.00

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1907.00

Thank you for your generosity!



# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, August 17, 2024**

**Greeters:**  
Barbara Valosin

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehne

**Lector:**  
Patty Paser

**Altar Servers**  
Arriette and Nathan Kuehne

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Gail Borst, Tom Valosin

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Barbara Valosin

**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

**Greeters:**  
John Conroy, Doreen Buzon

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Marcia Guntert, Sharon Riggi

**Lector:**  
Borst

**Altar Servers**  
Caroline Borst, Peter Sherer

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Rosemary Gutkaiss, Doreen Buzon

**Money counters:**  
Margaret Ostermann,  
Michele Borst

**Saturday, August 24, 2024**

**Greeters:**

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
Ringuette

**Altar Servers**  
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Michele Cullam, Gail Borst

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, August 25, 2024**

**Greeters:**  
Betty Karlau, Helen Lindstrom

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
John Conroy

**Lector:**  
Brynda Shultes

**Altar Servers**  
Sera Wargo

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Margaret Ostermann, Doreen Buzon

**Money counters:**  
John Borst, Brynda Shultes



Danny Hardmin, Brian Collins, Patrick O'Grady, Irene Ostermann, Ed Masterson, Joan McCalip, Adrienne Bartholomew, Callie Shaw (baby), Joanne Snyder, Raymond Ceroalo, Jocelyn Ceroalo, Cathy Saccetto, Mary Bixby, Ed August, Stephanie Coxen, Pam Raquet, Margaret M. Ostermann, Margaret Cameron, Beverly Dyer, Lee and Finn, Frank Ceroalo, Kyle and Katie Collazo O'Connor, Marsia Ferguson, Anjaine, Jack Robinson, Jim Crum, the Simeon Family, Debbie Lints, Mary Carlson, Nora and Joe Dougherty, Matt Nieminski, Joyce Montgomery, Eileen Scanlon, Tina Welman, Rick Conners, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Cassella, Donald Gaffney Jr., Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Valosin, Rick Stoddard, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Dick Kristel, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski, the Scott Family, Karen Conners, Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Amber Brate, Dianne Robinson, Ed Guntert, Steven Van Dyke, Megan Gersch, Sr. Louise Ann Fritz, Susan G., Dawn Schweikert, Amber Hazzard, Pauline Bjornholm, Diane Williams, Jessica Divietri, Robert Malin, Jacqui Owens, Loretta Bodisch, Peter D'Arco, K + A Pagano, Marthe Therrien



**GIFT**

GIFT sessions will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup> after the 9AM mass. Registration will be reviewed and/or completed and Circle of

Grace packets will be distributed to families to complete for our next GIFT session. Projects for the Summer Season are also due at this time. I have copied the suggested ideas for projects below:

**Families:** Children of our young families are to complete a project each season. Projects can be created however you are inspired: Slide show, collage, video, cartoon, writing, etc. These will be presented at our first GIFT/Registration program on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM at OLF and on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, after the 9AM Mass at OLV. Choice themes:

- Create a reflection of the workings of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- Create your own reflection of your participation in one of the service projects in July and August.

**I look forward to seeing you there!**

Please note that the Liturgy of the Word newsletter is available for our young disciples grades 1 – 5. I encourage all to review stories, questions and helpful suggestions for parents, and prayers and Saints section. They are in plastic bags with crayons that can be used during Mass. Please return plastic bags and crayons and take the newsletter home to go over with your children to review each Sunday's Mass message.

Please pray for our confirmands who will be celebrating Confirmation at St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church in Schenectady.

- Caroline Borst
- Jane Koller
- Allison Okyay
- Maria Patino
- Josh Ringuette
- Brady Stemle
- Robby Stemle



**CHANGE THE WORLD BY CHANGING ME**

The Sufi Bayazid says this about himself.

*"I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was: 'Lord, give me the energy to change the world.'*

*"As I approached middle age and realized that half my life was gone without my changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to "Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me. Just my family and friends, and I shall be satisfied."*

*"Now that I am an old man and my days are numbered, my only prayer is, "Lord, give me the grace to change myself. "If I had prayed for this right from the start I would not have wasted my life."*

Everybody thinks of changing humanity. Hardly anyone thinks of changing himself.

**PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN**

Going off to college?

We'd like to keep in touch. So please get your college address to our parish office. Remember, wherever you are in life, you have a home in our Church, your faith community.

Free Lunch!

**Monday – Friday 12 noon-1 PM at Middleburgh High School Cafeteria**

The Joshua Project serves lunch throughout the summer for all who come by. Stop in and enjoy the fellowship and great food.

Summer Square Dance

Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 PM in our church hall. Come and enjoy some good country fiddling' music, kick up your heels (if you wish), and have some Schoharie snacks. Our special square dance caller is Tom "Saddlesore" Zelker.

Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 15, Timothy Murphy Park, Middleburgh. Burgers and hot-dogs; bring a salad or dessert to share. Beginning at 12 noon, this is always a fun community day along the Creek.

Vegetable exchange

Share the bounty of our beautiful valley. Vegetables can be dropped off on the west lawn, under the shade of the trees of our church. Take what you need; share with others. Extra vegetables will go to our food pantries.

Middleburgh Food Pantries

Food pantry needs: cereal, rice, pancake mix, crackers, cookies, fruit bars.

Cradle of Love

We're continuing to collect diapers and baby wipes for Community Maternity Services in the bassinet in the hall. Please no toys or baby furniture, diapers and wipes only. Thank you for your continued support of this important need in our community.

Moms' Faith Sharing Group

Upcoming meeting: Monday, August 26. We start with Eucharistic Adoration between 5:00 and 5:30, then meet in the hall. Our goal is to pray together and support each other in our vocation.



Reggie Harris and Fr. Peter Chepaitis begin to lead us in prayer, under the shadow of Vroman's Nose.

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